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OW that I have completed my Freshman year at Earlham, I enjoy looking back over its varied events. I recall the day in September, 1909, when I found myself on the interurban headed for Richmond. Of course I might have taken a steam train, but I chose the interurban because these cars stop at the Earlham gate.

When I got off at the Earlham entrance, I looked down the long avenue of large forest trees



ENTRANCE TO EARLHAM



EARLHAM HALL, GIRLS' DORMITORY

to a group of elegant buildings arranged in a sort of quadrangle.

I started for the beautiful old red brick building, with the big white pillars, just at the end of the avenue, which I understood to contain the superintendent's office. Upon my arrival I was told that it was the oldest of all the buildings and that at one time it was the

entire college plant. But now, except for the superintendent's office, dining room, and students' parlors, it is used entirely as the girls' dormitory and is large enough to accommodate one hundred and eighty girls.

After I had registered in the office, a very cordial fellow came up, saying that he was a member of the Y. M. C. A. reception committee and that he would show me my room.

We then started for Bundy Hall. As we approached the building I was attracted very much by its outside and as



BUNDY DORMITORY

we entered I was more than pleased with the interior. The spacious parlors and the large Christian Association room appealed to me, and I was told that nearly all the fellows attend the Y. M. C. A. prayer meetings.



Then we went up to a suite of three rooms which he said belonged to my roommate and myself, and that either of us could go to bed at any time without disturbing the other. Three rooms for two of us!

I thought that was very much like being at home. Electric light, steam heat, shower and tub baths on every floor. Everything convenient. My guide informed me that in addition the basement contained baths and lockers for the athletes and even a pressing shop.



After looking about a little I started for the treasurer's office which, they told me, was in Lindley Hall.

On my way I met another fellow, a member of the Y. M. C. A. reception committee. I learned from him that Lindley Hall, which is the largest building on the campus, contains the well-known Joseph Moore Museum of twenty-five thousand specimens, various laboratories, the chapel, and recitation rooms.



So far everything seemed to be in my favor and I was well pleased. I went to the treasurer and asked what it was to cost me a year, including board, tuition, and other necessary expenses, such as light, heat, laundry, etc. The catalog was right. Only \$250.00. When I consider, a year later, the quality of what we received for that sum, I am convinced that only a large endowment made it possible.



LINDLEY HALL

Anxious to see the entire college plant
I again went out on the campus
and it looked to me as
though there were
forty acres or more cov-
ered with trees and shrubbery
and with drives laid out in an artistic
way.



I strolled
over
toward
the
building
labeled
"Library."



LIBRARY





LIBRARY, INTERIOR

When I went in an attendant showed me all through it. He said that there I had access to twenty thousand volumes as well as to all the important magazines.

I was very much impressed with this.



PARRY HALL

Then I went around to Parry Hall. I ventured in and for the first time met a Professor. He seemed to take an interest in even me. He asked me several questions as to what I was interested in and showed me through the building, which was devoted entirely to Chemistry.

He suggested that there were other departments at Earlham that might interest me just as much.

The remainder of the afternoon I spent in "taking in things." When a big bell rang, a fellow came around and said he would take me down to dinner. About two hundred students were seated in a large dining room in Earlham Hall, four boys and four girls at each table. Students are assigned a certain table for a whole term and thus each group of eight become very well acquainted and often have camp-fire breakfasts and "table reunions."



"TABLE PICNIC"



BRIDGE OVER WHITEWATER RIVER LEADING TO
THE BUSINESS CENTER

I continued to feel very much pleased over the prospects and the next day walked over to see Richmond. It is about a mile and a half to the center of the city, and while walking over I met a Richmond business man who asked me if I were an Earlham student. After telling him that I was and how cordially everyone treated me, I asked him if I were an exception. He said, "Oh no! that's the 'Earlham Spirit.' She stands for the spirit

of service and democracy. Men and women come to Earlham not merely to learn 'how to live' but 'to live.' You remember that 'the chief end of man is action, not thought.'"

Richmond proved to be a splendid city, with modern stores, cordial business men, handsome churches, no slums, and a general well-kept appearance. They say it is "panic proof."

Earlham students have access to the Morrisson-Reeves Library, containing thirty-six thousand volumes. It is one of the best in the state.



MORRISON-REEVES LIBRARY, RICHMOND, INDIANA



Chapel, Seating 1000

for a liberal education and for culture. They said, also, that a large number of Earlham men and women had made excellent records in scholarship at the leading Universities in this country and in Europe.

The next day regular school duties began. Everyone gathered in the chapel and there the President made an appropriate little talk. As I looked about and saw three or four hundred students I thought everyone was very happy. I began then to realize that there were other fellows to whom this was a new experience.

According to rule I talked with some of the Professors about my course. All emphasized the fact that Earlham stands

Then I was shown the possibilities for men strong in science, how there is a greater demand for science teachers than the college can supply. Also the demand for engineers was mentioned and the opportunity one has at Earlham to lay an excellent foundation for that sort of work. Or if I were interested in law, I might specialize in history and economics. I found that many students take a pre-medical course which prepares them well for the best medical schools. Other students are interested in languages, both ancient and modern. Especially is this true of the girls.



I decided,
however,
to
specialize
in
Biology,
and
before the



CLASS IN BIOLOGY

year was
over
I had become
very much
interested
in the
laboratory
work.

Some students
seemed to
think
mathematics
the only thing
and many
of the upper
classmen were out



"GAZING AT THE STARS"

at the
observatory
a great deal of
the time
during the year
gazing at the
stars
and the "comet."

That evening about half past four I went to my room and was surprised to see so few fellows in the hall, but on looking out on the tennis court I saw where many of them were. There are enough courts to accommodate thirty or forty people, and the girls as well as the boys use them a great deal.



THE TENNIS COURTS

I went out to the athletic field and saw about fifty men playing football. I had assumed that athletics was for the "football eleven" or the "baseball nine," but this sight was sufficient to convince me that athletics was for everyone—at least at

Earlham. There were a number of "co-eds" sitting in the grandstand cheering the boys on, and I felt a little lonely standing there watching the other fellows play, so the next evening I put on my togs and went out. I was not quite able to make the team myself, but some of the other freshmen did.

It seems that Earlham develops her ath-



REID FIELD



FOOTBALL TEAM, 1909



STATE CHAMPIONS, 1910



STUDENTS' PARLOR

letes, although a number of high school stars are attracted to her. Several of the men who made the track team this spring had been training for two or three years.



From time to time the Christian Associations give big socials in the students' parlor. Everyone goes and it certainly is a great place to get acquainted —with the girls.



FARLHAM HALL IN WINTER



SKATING POND



The fall term went by in a hurry and I enjoyed my work immensely. With the opening of the winter term new features were introduced. When the heavy snows came we went bob-sledding. Then often we found good skating down on the big college pond below the barn.

Oratory came in for its share of interest. That man Pennington won the State Contest at Indianapolis, and then went out to Omaha and won the Interstate, which puts him in the same class with Beveridge and LaFollette, both of whom are interstate winners. Earlham has won first place in the state contest for the last three years, but look at the record for that:



LEVI T. PENNINGTON

EARLHAM'S RECORD IN STATE ORATORICAL CONTESTS

<i>Year</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Winner</i>
1910-----	Earlham	1900-----	{De Pauw Earlham, 3d.
1909-----	Earlham	1899-----	{De Pauw Earlham 2d.
1908-----	Earlham	1898-----	{De Pauw Earlham, 3d.
1907-----	Notre Dame	1897-----	Hanover
1906-----	De Pauw	1896-----	{De Pauw Earlham, 2d.
1905-----	De Pauw	1895-----	Earlham
1904-----	Earlham	1894-----	De Pauw
1903-----	{De Pauw Earlham, 2d.	1893-----	{De Pauw Earlham, 3d.
1902-----	Earlham		
1901-----	{Indiana Earlham, 2d.		

Then a little later everyone was talking about debates. The team was chosen by a number of preliminary "tryouts" in which even I took part. The boys won from Cincinnati University and from Albion College, which has for years held the championship in the state of Michigan. Each debater was given a beautiful gold medal as well as a cash prize.



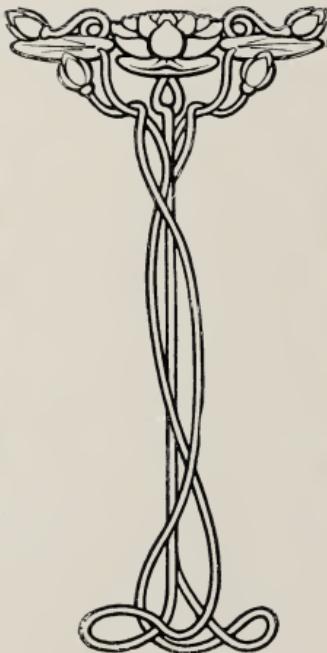
C. C. HAWORTH (Captain)
Debating Team, 1910

RECORD OF EARLHAM DEBATES

<i>Year</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Winner</i>
1910	Albion	Earlham
1910	Cincinnati University	Earlham
1909	Wabash	Earlham
1909	Butler	Butler
1908	Wabash	Wabash
1908	Butler	Butler
1908	Otterbein	Earlham
1907	Wabash	Earlham
1907	Butler	Butler
1906	Albion	Albion
1905	Butler	Earlham
1904	Butler	Earlham
1903	Butler	Earlham
1902	De Pauw	Earlham
1901	Indiana	Earlham
1900	Indiana	Earlham
1899	Indiana	Earlham
1898	De Pauw	De Pauw



V. D. NICHOLSON
Debating Team, 1910



H. L. MORRIS
Debating Team, 1910



The spring term is the best of all. I worked very hard to make the track team and actually did make it. This is the time of year when "hay rides" and picnics are so pleasant.

It was during the spring term that the Earlham chorus rendered the great oratorio, "The Messiah." All who are musically inclined certainly have splendid opportunities at Earlham.

Commencement week still lives in my memory, especially the class play.

Then another thing which impressed me so much was the returning of so many Alumni. I believe they love "Old Earlham" even better than I do. They seem to be doing things wherever they are. Some of them are lawyers, some are college professors, some are business men, some are Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. workers, etc. When you look at them you feel that a college education certainly pays.

This one year at Earlham has meant so much to me and I have enjoyed it so well that I am going to bring some students back with me in the fall. After com-

mencement I was talking with a classmate of mine who lives in the east and he says he already has two men on his list who are coming to Earlham with him next September.



SCENE IN MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

EARLHAM TRACK RECORDS

100-Yard Dash—Conrad, 9½ seconds, 1910.
220-Yard Dash—Conrad, 21½ seconds, 1910.
440-Yard Run—Brown, 51¼ seconds, 1910.
880-Yard Run—Coppock, 2 minutes, 5½ seconds,
1903.
Mile Run—Shoemaker, 4 minutes, 42 seconds, 1903.
120-Yard Hurdles—White, 16½ seconds, 1908.
220-Yard Hurdles—White, 26½ seconds, 1908.
High Jump—Conrad, 5 feet 10½ inches, 1910.
Broad Jump—Conrad, 22 feet 4½ inches, 1910.
Pole Vault—Conrad, 11 feet 1⅛ inches, 1910.
Discus Throw—Stanley, 110 feet, 3 inches, 1910.
16-lb. Hammer Throw—Smelser, 124 feet, 10½
inches, 1907.
16-lb Shot Put—Stanley, 39 feet 9 inches, 1910.
Mile Relay—Brown, Sanders, Barnhart, Winslow,
3 minutes, 38 seconds, 1910.

SUMMARY OF YEAR 1909-1910

Football Team tied for Secondary Championship.
Basketball Team won the unquestioned Champion-
ship among Secondary Colleges.
Baseball Team was forced to use raw material, but
at end of season was playing exceedingly fast
ball.
Track Team won Secondary Championship of In-
diana, defeated De Pauw and Miami in dual
meets, and hustled Purdue.
Won State Tennis Tournament.
Won State and Interstate Oratorical Contests.
Won Debates from Cincinnati University and Al-
bion College.

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